



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Deer & Elk Committee
 Meeting Minutes

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ORDER OF BUSINESS	03/16/2019	9:30	Mead Wildlife Area Visitors Center
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Mike Riggle at 9:30
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Tom Johnson, Al Horvath, Rick Olson, Joel Taylor, James Morning, Roger Sabota, Dale Ebert, Kieran Kramer, Mark Noll, Dave West, Al Marotz, Martin Laidlaw, Stan Brownell, Allen Jacobson, Wright Allen, Doug Seidel, Larry Gohlke, Mike Burkart, Dave Breunig, Tony Grabski, Charlie Brown, Rob Bohmann, Andy Geiger
EXCUSED	Duane Beyer, Doug Williams, Thomas Schwefel, Martin Haas
UNEXCUSED	Jacob McKutcheon
GUESTS	WDNR Liason's present: Kevin Wallenfang, Dave Zebro, Dan Storm, Eric Canania, Brian Dhuey. Not present: Brad Hutnik. Also present, concerned citizen: Brandon Fox

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Mike Riggle
ACTION	Motion by Noll, 2nd by Bohmann - Approved

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Read By Horvath
ACTION	Motion by Brown, 2nd by Grabski - Approved

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Brandon Fox commented as concerned deer hunter on baiting, deer farms, minimum age hunting, bag limits and non-resident fee's.
ACTION	None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

- A.** History of CWD, deer farming and possible solutions Laurie Seale, Whitetails of Wisconsin.

DISCUSSION	Owner of deer farm for 30 years. Laurie gave presentation of the history of CWD with possible solutions including genetics. Provided some handouts and folder of; Knowledge About CWD, August 2018.		
ACTION	None		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE			DEADLINE

- B.** B1. 2018 deer season wrap up. Kevin Wallenfang, WDNR Deer & Elk Ecoli

DISCUSSION	Kevin reviewed the 2018 deer season results information available to date. Reported successful 2018 hunt. Estimated @ 94% compliance. Provided population projection, and deer mortality rates. Gave brief CDAC update. Gave a brief CWD update. Gave a brief Moose update.		
ACTION	None		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE			DEADLINE

- C.** B3. Elk update

Kevin Wallenfang, WDNR Deer & Elk Ecoli

DISCUSSION	Gave brief Elk Management Plan update. provided anticipated time line for further updating the Elk Management plan for 2019 through @ mid 2020.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

D. B2. SW Deer/Predator research project update

Dr. Dan Storm, WDNR Research Scientist

DISCUSSION	Dan gave update on the research being performed in southwest Wisconsin. Provided information as to the study goal and questions the study generates. Examples of those questions; How does it affect deer population in Wisconsin? Do CWD+ deer die at faster rate? How does CWD change the risk of death from various other sources (Starvation, vehicle collisions, other disease, predation, and other)? gave insight to study goal and variables.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

E. B4. Law enforcement update

Dave Zebro, WDNR Regional Warden

DISCUSSION	Gave update of enforcement and staffing issues. Talked of Strategic Planning in progress. Talked of some feedback angst (Carcass tag and registration).	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

F. C. Review of Deer Trustee Report

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee reviewed a document provided with bullet points of the Deer Trustee Rule to attempt to determine if update is necessary. There was broad discussion of some of the bullet points. There are broad differences throughout the state when attempting to even suggest any change. Some county's (CDAC's) have used all the tools in the tool box and are hoping for new tools. Education of hunters, habitat and proper buck to doe ratio's were suggested. 1 buck per hunter for any archery (Bow/crossbow) and rifle hunt was suggested. Having a survey to see if change is necessary or an option may be necessary. Other issues? Public vs private was discussed at length and variations throughout the state.	
ACTION	Mike Riggle will talk to Larry Bonde for suggestions as to how to possibly proceed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Mike Riggle		

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Mike Burkart - Clubs are an important part of communication and educating others, valuable tool to use. Dave Breunig - Concern of CDAC's. Tony Grabski - Question of over reach by District Leadership Committee with decisions of committee forwarding resolutions and recommendation's with vast majority of committee approval. * Mike Riggle explained some was to give new administration a chance to get up to speed and see what Public opinion is from Spring Hearing. Stan Brownwell - CWD, need for additional sampling, need of information for hunters in sampling area's as some are not familiar as what to do. Promoting more testing. Involve CDAC(s) more and other stakeholders. Rob Bohmann - Question of SAK, timber management. Remember, the public and others may not view CWD as some of us do, so be careful how we address CWD. Marlin Laidlaw - We need to address "White Deer". Larry Goelke - talked of Euro hunt effort and tracking with dogs.
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	Al Horvath - Informed of comments shared from earlier presentation of CWD history and shared information of research he has studied with respect to CWD.
ACTION	None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	3:18
SUBMITTED BY	Tom Johnson
DATE	03/19/2019